

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 3, 2006. Reconsideration of this application in view of the below remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 28-41 are pending in the application with Claims 28 and 35 being in independent form. By way of the present amendment, Claim 35 has been amended and Claim 37 has been canceled.

Claim 35 has been amended to include limitations recited in Claims 28 and 37. Specifically, amended Claim 35 recites the limitation of: "...the synchronization module further configured to partition an interval into at least a first and a second sub-interval when a summary hash for the interval in the database does not match a remote summary hash so as to seek remote summary hashes for the first and second sub-intervals from the remote transaction database..." that is based from Claim 37 and the limitation of: "...whereby the database can avoid synchronization of database records in a sub-interval with a local sub-interval summary hash that matches a sub-interval summary hash received from the remote transaction database..." similarly recited in Claim 28. Therefore, no new subject matter has been introduced into the disclosure by way of the present amendment.


As the Examiner conceded in the aforementioned telephone interview, neither U.S. Patent No. 6,141,664 issued to Boothby or U.S. Patent No. 5,440,732 issued to Lomet et al., taken alone or in any proper combination, discloses or suggests that the database can avoid synchronization of database records in a sub-interval with a local sub-interval summary hash that matches a sub-interval summary hash received from the remote transaction database, as recited in independent Claims 28 and 35. Consequently, Claims 28 and 35 are believed to be patentably distinct and allowable over the prior art references.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 28-41 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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